



# Annual Report

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# Message by CEOSS' President



Dear Partners:

The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) takes pride in being Egyptian and in improving the quality of life for poor and marginalized citizens, whoever and wherever they may be. This is what CEOSS has been doing since the beginning of its services in the 1950s until the present day. It has focused on most vulnerable groups such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, and children.

During the circumstances society is currently witnessing, namely the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, different sectors of the Egyptian society have been affected. This has, in turn, affected CEOSS' workflow. Therefore, CEOSS continues its work and management under a number of decisions that aim at the safety and security of its staff. These include a number of precautionary measures such as providing means of sterilization and protection in order to provide the safest atmosphere for all staff in all its work locations across the country. CEOSS also provides a cluster of community activities and initiatives that aim at supporting the communities in facing the effects of this pandemic whether economic or social.

CEOSS has also continued its participation in many national initiatives such as the "Noor Hayat", "Decent Life", and "Tahya Misr Fund" initiatives.

Despite the challenges and circumstances Egypt has been facing on the whole, and which have affected, in one way or another, Egyptian citizens in general and poor citizens in particular, we have been able to fulfil our mission in the best possible manner thanks to the joint cooperation between CEOSS and the state, the private sector, and civil society organizations.

It is my pleasure to present you with this report on the first six months of 2021. It is a report on the different achievements of the various CEOSS work units. In the report, we have tried to clarify the magnitude of activities and programs implemented by CEOSS as well as the number of beneficiaries whom we hope will increase in the coming years in order to be able to achieve our mission in serving Egyptians and our dear homeland.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the ladies and gentlemen chair and members of the board of directors of CEOSS for all their effort and support for all of us as well as all the ladies and gentlemen members of CEOSS' general assembly besides all CEOSS staff and all the volunteers in the different work locations.

I would also like to extend special thanks to their excellencies the Minister of Social Solidarity, the Minister of Investment, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the Minister of Local Development, the Minister of Manpower, the Minister of Endowments, the Minister of Interior Affairs, the Minister of Culture, the Minister of Health, the Minister of State for Information, the Minister of Youth and Sports, the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources, the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and the Minister of Justice. Thanks are also due to their excellencies the governors of Cairo, Giza, Qalyoubia, Beheira, Daqahlia, Fayyoun, Beni-Suef, Minia, Assiut, Sohag, Luxor, and Aswan; partnering civil society organizations, political, popular, and executive leaders; universities as well as all partners inside and outside Egypt; and finally our partners in the private sector.

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The President of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)



## Local Development Unit



The Local Development Unit continues to fight poverty and its impacts and working towards improving the quality of life for poor citizens by focusing on the most vulnerable groups such as women, youth, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and children at risk. The Local Development Unit achieves this by building social resilience for individuals, groups, institutions, and poor local communities in order to be able to face current and expected change, crises, and threats, in order to be able to overcome poverty and contribute actively in achieving sustainable, equitable, and inclusive development.

With the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the unit continues to respond to facing the repercussions of this crisis in order to reduce its negative effects through designing and implementing local initiatives aiming at providing support and urgent measures for the most vulnerable groups affected by this pandemic in 130 local communities which

are fully managed by crises management committees. These are volunteer committees that have been formed of members representing concerned government entities, partnering NGOs, natural leaders, and youth of both sexes. These committees have received capacity building in order to empower them to face this crisis.

In a similar context, the unit has continued to implement its other developmental paths in the realms of reinforcing the capabilities and preparedness of the local community to face current and expected change and threats in order to fight poverty and achieve sustainable development. This is achieved through implementing developmental programs and projects in the realms of comprehensive rural development and specialized development services.

During the reporting period the unit has realized a number of development achievements through active partnership with state institutions, the most important of which is the participation in presidential and national initiatives such as: the “Noor Hayat” initiative in partnership with the “Tahya Misr” Fund; the Citizenship Initiative in partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity; and the Egyptian Women’s Health Initiative in partnership with

the Ministry of Health and Population, among others. This is besides partnerships with civil society organizations, the private sector, specialized national councils, Egyptian universities, research centers, and the media in order to combine and mobilize efforts and resources and maximize the impact and return on the poorest groups in poor and marginalized areas.

### The Emergency Program

The Emergency Program aims at protecting poor vulnerable groups during crises and disasters through certain measures and implementing a package of urgent relief measures that assist them in facing those crises and mitigating their negative effects.

### Quantitative Achievements



Families benefit from distributing food coupons and personal protection tools (disinfectants)



Citizens have received awareness raising on precautionary measures for the prevention of the coronavirus

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Responding to the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic by reinforcing the capacities of the local communities in seven governorates to withstand this crisis. In this context the following has been achieved:
- Designing and implementing local initiatives in 130 local communities in Cairo, Giza, Qalyoubia, Fayoum, Beni-Suef, Minia, and Sohag Governorates. These aim at implementing a package of urgent interventions and measures to face this crisis and reduce its negative effects. These initiatives target poor and marginalized families and are implemented in partnership with 130 civil society organizations and in complete coordination and cooperation with concerned government entities in targeted local areas and communities.

### A New Idea

- Establishing 70 community hubs in 70 local communities to disseminate information and health messages on covid-19 to citizens in the local communities by the use of various suitable methods such as the use of mobile cars and distributing posters that include awareness messages. The hubs also receive citizens and their phone calls and answer their inquiries







## Program for Rehabilitating Persons with Disabilities

The program continues to empower persons with disabilities and their families to actively participate in society and obtain their rights, reinforce their integration in society, and work on removing all forms of discrimination against them.

### Quantitative Achievements

**2063** persons with disabilities and their families benefit from the program for rehabilitating persons with disabilities and reinforcing their integration in society

- ▶ **312** Families of persons with disabilities have been rehabilitated to support the process of societal inclusion of their children with disabilities.
- ▶ **594** Persons with disabilities have been better able to access their rights in public services and specialized rehabilitation programs.
- ▶ **125** Community cadres have received capacity building to support persons with disabilities in accessing specialized rehabilitation programs and facilitating their access of their rights in public services.
- ▶ **856** Citizens have received awareness raising of correct concepts related to disability and inclusive development.
- ▶ **124** Persons with disabilities have benefitted from prosthetic devices and motor aids.
- ▶ **52** Persons have been empowered to access their rights and integrated in public services.



• The program's success in building community rehabilitation models at the local level in Sohag, Beni-Suef, Minia, and Beheira governorates. This includes the following:

- Establishing and running four units for community-based rehabilitation. These provide specialized rehabilitation services for children with disabilities as well as family rehabilitation. In order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of these units, 20 community cadres and specialists have acquired knowledge and skills that enable them to categorize disabilities and evaluate the status of persons with disabilities besides developing their cognitive, language, motor, academic and pre-academic skills, self-care, early intervention and other specialized rehabilitation services.
- Reinforcing the knowledge and skills of public service providers at youth and sports centers and directorates, schools, social solidarity directorates, local units and representatives of the Faculty of Education, Minia University in Sohag, Beni-Suef, and Minia governorates. This included reinforcing knowledge and skills pertaining to correct concepts of disability and societal integration. The result was preparing participatory plans for integrating persons with disabilities and their participation in public services provided by these public institutions.
- Providing access to an inclusive environment in three public institutions to become rehabilitated for the access and use of persons with disabilities. This included rehabilitation work on the youth center and post office in Awlad Shaloul community in Sohag Governorate. A resource room was established inside a primary school in Monsha'et el-Maghalqa Village in Minia to reinforce educational integration.

### Major Partnerships

- Signing a cooperation protocol with the Nubaria Youth Center in Beheira Governorate. This aims at integrating children with disabilities in the sports center specialized for children with downs syndrome. This includes benefiting from technical experience, training programs, and applying the Paralympic Union program within the context of preparing a Paralympic champion.

## “Erada” Program

The program aims at providing access to internal and external environments so as to become supportive of mainstreaming persons with disabilities in public life.



### Major Qualitative Achievements

- The program has taken a direction towards expanding partnerships with Egyptian universities. In this context a cooperation protocol has been signed with Menoufiya University. This aims at reinforcing methods of accessibility and integration of students with disabilities at university level and facilitating their equal and just access of services without any discrimination.
- An increase in the number of private sector institutions and other community institutions wanting to benefit from the program's services whether in implementing architectural accessibility and rehabilitation of buildings or in maintenance of motor aids and devices for persons with disabilities among their staff. These institutions include Kiriazi Company for Electrical Appliances, the nursing home affiliated to Raw'et al-Eman Organization, and the Amira Farm Convention Center.
- The program continues to develop models of motor aids (wheelchairs) according to quality standards to suit the needs of persons with disabilities. The program has also developed the tool applied in studying and analyzing buildings to define gaps and design accessibility work to suit the nature of Egyptian buildings in order to make them more suited to the reality of the Egyptian code.

### Qualitative Achievements

1

Rehabilitated institutions

258

Persons with disabilities benefit from campaigns for the maintenance of prosthetic devices





## “Children at Risk” Program

The program continues to contribute to securing a better life for child laborers and their families. It also contributes to creating a protective environment for them which, in turn, ensures preserving these children's humanity, dignity, and childhood in addition to reducing the effects of poverty, exploitation, and abuse whether physical, emotional, or sexual.



### Quantitative Achievements

**2825** children at risk and their families have been empowered to access their economic and social rights

**146** Children and their families have been given access to health care services in different specializations

**9** Street children have been emotionally and socially rehabilitated and integrated in community activities

**75** Children have been provided support to continue their education

**24** Workshops have been rehabilitated according to safety, health, and occupational standards

**56** Children have been trained in occupational safety skills

**481** Families and children have benefitted from counselling services

**1996** Children have had their creative and behavioral skills developed through participating in different community activities (trips, camps, cultural and sports activities)

**62** Children and their families have benefited from the emergency program (awareness, disinfectants, food items)

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Reinforcing the capacities and skills of children at risk and their families as well as different sectors of community institutions (governmental, non-governmental, and private sector), mobilizing their efforts in adopting roles and practices that support child protection, and empowering them to exercise their rights. Within this context, the following has been achieved:
  - Helping owners of facilities, businesses, and workshops in which children work in the governorates of Cairo and Beni-Suef to acquire knowledge pertaining to Child's rights, laws, and conventions as well as motivating them to take necessary measures to protect child laborers in their facilities according to the occupational articles stated in these laws and conventions. In a similar context, several hearing sessions have been organized in the Sharkawiya District in Shubra al-Khaima between child laborers and their employers to express their rights inside the work environment. These include working hours, breaks, providing health and occupational safety and signing apprenticeship contracts.
  - Capacity building for governmental institution officials in several sectors in government administrations in Shubra al-Khaima with the view of improving their performance in providing public services. This is besides training a number of workers in seven schools in modern teaching styles that motivate learning and protect children from dropping out of school.

- Capacity building for committees of children at risk on the concepts and applications of the rights-based approach and communication skills and methods of employing these skills in expressing and demanding their rights and methods of protection. This resulted in the participation of 150 children at risk in Shubra al-Khaima District in issuing and signing an opinion document that expressed demand of their rights. This will be activated with the concerned entities during the coming period.
- Empowering child laborers in the program's work communities in Beni-Suef Governorate to imple-

ment a simulation model of a democratic practice by motivating them to practice elections to choose their representatives in the community committees by direct voting. To achieve this, the children were trained to set an electoral program in which they expressed their future dreams and visions as well as choosing an electoral symbol and implementing election propaganda to disseminate their electoral programs and motivate their family and friends to participate in the elections. This model was reflected in the increase in the children's knowledge of their constitutional rights in selecting representatives who demand their rights.



## Success Story

Ahmed Samir Kamel is 13 years old from Sharkawiya Village in Shubra al-Khaima District. His father died at an early age and due to his family's poor economic situation he was forced to drop out of school to work and help his family financially. He worked as an apprentice at a mechanic's workshop. One day he heard his work mates speaking about the project for improving the quality of life for children at risk. He liked the project's idea and joined his work mates in the project. He participated in many seminars, meetings for raising awareness of child rights, and trainings in communication as well as camps, and educational, recreational, and cultural trips. Through these he became informed of child's rights in the labor law and child law. He found out about apprenticeship contracts and how to communicate with the Ministry of Manpower to sign an apprenticeship contract to acquire occupational training. He also learned about working hours for children as well as other children's rights. Ahmed became capable of talking with others and while forming the elected committee of child laborers, Ahmed applied and was chosen by his friends as a member of the elected committee. He exerted great effort in expressing his child laborer friend's demands to many concerned entities and entities interested in the problems of child laborers such as the Ministry of Manpower directorates and the directorates of health and occupational safety and the directorates of industrial safety.

Ahmed's participation in the project motivated him to go back to school and indeed, with the support of the project, Ahmed was able to go back to school. Ahmed became happy again. Ahmed dreams of obtaining a degree in engineering. Ahmed has become a role model for child laborers



## The Health Program

The program continues to empower the most vulnerable poor groups such as women, children, and adolescents in rightfully accessing their health rights and obtaining public health resources and services to enjoy good health conditions and wellbeing.



### Quantitative Achievements

450

Have benefited from conducting lab analysis

699

Have benefited from medical examinations and treatment in different medical specializations (internal medicine, chest diseases, breast tumors, )

60

Women have received pregnancy follow up and reached safe delivery

297

Women and adolescent girls participated in classes in health and nutrition awareness

1196

Women received awareness raising in topics on general health and early detection of breast tumors.

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Participating in the state's initiative pertaining to supporting the health of Egyptian women which has as one of its major axes raising awareness of the importance of early detection and prevention of breast cancer. Health convoys were organized in Cairo and Qalyoubia Governorates during which medical examinations were carried out to detect breast cancer and train women in self-examination as well as raise awareness of women and young women on breast cancer. In a similar context, the program cooperated with Minia University in organizing health campaigns to fight breast cancer. This included conducting preliminary examinations for early detection of breast cancer and implementing referrals for sonar scans for women under 40 and mammograms for women over 40 years of age. This is besides providing awareness for women.
- A continued partnership with the health directorates in the program's work communities in Cairo, Giza, Qalyoubia, Minia, and Beni-Suef Governorates in sustaining the provision of health services to citizens.

## The Eye Program

The program aims at eliminating avoidable blindness by reaching poor and deprived citizens and providing access to these services especially children (one day to 15 years) and senior citizens (above 45 years) by providing access to sustainable comprehensive health care systems to ensure better vision for citizens.

### Quantitative Achievements

# 5963

Have been examined medically

# 2042

Have had major and minor surgeries

# 1104

Have benefited from medical treatment

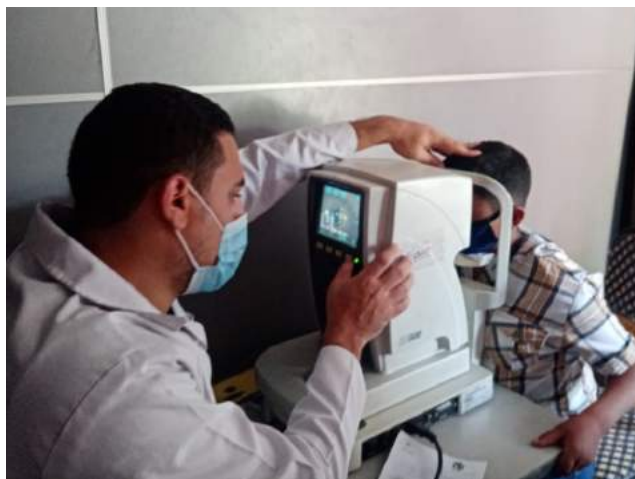
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Citizens have had their vision corrected through providing them with eye-glasses



## Major Qualitative Achievements

- Expanding the program by working in Menoufia and Mahalla Governorates as well as expanding in new districts in Cairo and Qalyoubia Governorates
- Continuing partnerships with private sector institutions in order to activate the role of social responsibility. During this period partnership was established with al-Araby Eye Center which has conducted 5 cataract and lens implant surgeries at a 50% discount. This is besides partnership with Orchidia Pharmaceuticals which donated 1000 containers of eye drops for treating eye diseases for poor families.
- Partnership with the Ministry of Health and Population directorate in Beni-Suef in setting and implementing a joint work plan for implementing eye health convoys inside health unit headquarters in the targeted local communities in the governorate
- Organizing awareness raising campaigns for citizens on eye diseases and its relationship to covid-19 that also included the importance of the vaccine and motivating them to register on the Ministry of Health and Population website to receive the vaccine. This was implemented in partnership with the media office of the Ministry of Health and Population in Beni-Suef Governorate through the use of various mechanisms and tools such as holding meetings



### Success Story

My name is Moussa Hanna Eid. I am 51 years old. I come from Qullusna Village, Samalout District in Minia Governorate. I'm a carpenter and I have a small workshop at home. I used to get strong headaches and go to the workshop, but did nothing but sit and could not work for days on end. I could only see shadows of people and couldn't make out anybody's features. I heard there was a convoy by the organization at Horus Eye Hospital. I was very happy. A doctor in the convoy examined me and told me that I have cataract in my two eyes. After that, I went to the hospital and had the first operation in the right eye. After that, I could see much better. This encouraged me to have the second operation in the other eye with which I could not see very well. Indeed, I had the second operation in my left eye and after that I could see very well without any haziness in vision. I no longer get any headaches. I went back to working at the workshop with all my might and even better than before.

## Economic Development Field

Work continues in the realm of economic empowerment of poor groups of young people of both sexes and women in poor and marginalized areas to empower them to obtain decent job opportunities thus increasing their income and securing them a life of dignity. This is achieved through two tracks:



### a) Training, employment, and providing business development services for owners of small and micro enterprises

This track focuses on building a resilient community environment that reinforces economic growth through providing entrepreneurial services as well as vocational and management skills that contribute to providing decent job opportunities for young people and women and most vulnerable groups.

## Quantitative Achievements

**705** young people of both sexes have had their vocational and management skills developed and have become qualified to enter the job market

**483** obtained vocational and management training

**134** became self-employed after the training

**33** directors of the business development services units have received capacity building

**724** young entrepreneurs and job seekers have received capacity building

**55** women working in the non-formal sector have received awareness raising of the laws governing formal labor



- Working towards integrating persons with disabilities in the business development units. Within this framework, directors of the units have been trained in concepts of disability and societal integration. The training resulted in the directors training 30 persons with disabilities in entrepreneurship in order to empower them to find job opportunities
- Qualifying and supporting young people seeking decent job opportunities by training them in the basics of entrepreneurship, creativity, and digital marketing as well as including them in a virtual employment fair after obtaining a number of trainings that qualify them for the job market.
- Cooperation with many government and private sector entities for the sake of supporting economic and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people as well as training directors at the business services units. These entities include the Small and Micro Enterprise Development Authority, the Economic Development Unit at the General Bureau of Beni-Suef Governorate, the Social Solidarity Directorate of Minia Governorate, the Technological Innovation Centers, al-Nahar Training Academy, E-Youth Company in cooperation with the central bank of Egypt, Brigid Company, and Sela Academy.
- Cooperation with the Economic Development Unit at the General Bureau of Beni-Suef Governorate in empowering 45 young people of both sexes in making and marketing handicrafts at touristic sites whether at the Haram Meidum in Beni-Suef Governorate or other external touristic sites. These handicrafts included making accessories, woodwork, and porcelain. The Governorate also organized an exhibition for handicrafts at the Haram Meidum under the auspices of the Governor of Beni-Suef.
- Cooperation with the Technological Innovation Centers for training entrepreneurs in Cairo through the program "She is an Entrepreneur". The Lotus Program for Leather Artifacts was chosen to enter the second phase of the program and was nominated for competing for a financial award presented by the Central Bank of Egypt.



### Success Story

I am Ashraf Mokhtar from Samalout District in Minia Governorate. I am 30 years old. I have a high school diploma in agriculture. For some time now I haven't been working and I was thinking about getting a job. One day, I saw an ad on a Facebook page of Abnaa' Misr Foundation. The name of the page was "Realize your Dream". It was about a vocational training opportunity in mobile phone maintenance. I had always wanted to be trained in this vocation so I communicated with the foundation and applied. They interviewed me to make sure I was serious about the training. Thank God I was accepted and started the training that lasted for 11 days. After that I had a lot of information and skills that could make me work in mobile phone maintenance. Not only that but the foundation along with CEOSS helped me in finding a job at a mobile maintenance shop and indeed I worked there and became responsible for mobile phone maintenance in that shop. Thus, I now have a steady income and a dream to have my own mobile phone maintenance shop and I have ideas about expanding in other areas too.

## b) Economic Empowerment for women working in the non-formal sector

The project for improving the livelihoods of female headed households in poor rural and urban areas continues to support women working in the non-formal sector to improve their economic and social situation. Some of the major successes of the project are as follows:

- 1- Groups of women continue to run and manage 20 production units in five governorates, namely Giza, Cairo, Qalyoubia, Minia, and Beni-Suef. The groups have increasingly succeeded in providing decent job opportunities for more than 300 women in these units in which they obtain their full rights in a safe work environment. These jobs contribute greatly in improving their economic and social levels. Within a similar context, the units have succeeded in marketing their products, whether through marketing contracts with private sector companies or in the local market. These products include: food industries, packaging and wrapping food products, preparing fish, dairy products, peanuts, home furnishings, readymade garments, and others.
- 3- Resource centers, previously established in 30 communities, continue to play their vital roles in providing technical support and career counselling to women seeking jobs. During this period, the centers have also performed a role in raising citizen awareness of applying precautionary measures for prevention against the coronavirus. This includes raising their awareness, motivating them, and assisting them in registering for obtaining the vaccine on the Ministry of Health's website.

### **2- The project's success in the official registration of three entities established last year as well as finalizing their board elections and setting their internal regulations. These entities are:**

- Value Chains Cooperative Organization for marketing agricultural products in Minia
- Value Chains Cooperative Organization for marketing agricultural products in Beni-Suef

The Productive Cooperative Organization for manufacturing, packaging, and wrapping food products and handicrafts in Qalyoubia Governorate

**These organizations will work on adopting the rights and causes of women working in the non-formal sector including providing decent and safe job opportunities as well as functioning as an umbrella for marketing the products of the production units.**



### An Important Event

The European Union's Ambassador to Egypt visited the project's activities being implemented in Minia Governorate. He was accompanied by a number of the governorate's executive leaders. During the visit they checked out a number of production units implemented by the project and were familiarized with their objectives, products, and production phases. They also listened to the roles of women who run and manage these units and market their products. The participants felt the positive impact achieved by the project in improving the conditions of women and empowering them economically and socially [https://fb.watch/6hmnD\\_ebui/](https://fb.watch/6hmnD_ebui/)



## Agriculture and Livestock Programs

The agriculture programs continue their role towards improving the quality of life for small scale farmers, breeders, and fishermen and women through developing rural areas and empowering them to invest available resources and experiences to reach a social, environmental and economic competitive advantage.

### Quantitative Achievements

- 46367** small farmers and breeders have been empowered economically to increase their incomes and improve their livelihoods
- 119** Small farmers benefit from technical support services, agricultural guidance, and field schools
- 1205** Small farmers have improved their agricultural products through applying good agricultural practices
- 591** Small farmers have recycled agricultural waste to produce organic fertilizers and decrease chemical inputs
- 151** Women farmers implemented small agricultural projects to achieve food security and an increased income
- 44301** Small breeders of livestock have benefitted from veterinarian care services to improve their animal production

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- The program has moved towards contractual farming that is considered one of the program's most vital objectives in the coming period. This method guarantees a steady profit without any fluctuations due to market prices. Within this framework, a contract has been signed to supply the soy bean crop and to enter the contracts under the supervision of the Contractual Farming Center of the Ministry of Agriculture in Beni-Suef and Minia Governorates.
- In accordance with the state's directive to achieve optimum investment of water use in the irrigation process, cooperation was established with the Land Improvement Authority in Beni-Suef, Minia, and Fayoum Governorates in the disinfection of canals for a length of four kilometers which serve a large group of small farmers. This resulted in solving a lot of problems that farmers used to face pertaining to water reaching the ends of the irrigation canals especially in summer.
- The program continues to develop its objectives through working on connecting agricultural production to treating nutrition needs as early as possible and encouraging farmers to apply clean farming to produce food that is safe for poor groups. On the other hand, the program focuses on raising awareness of proper nutrition especially for children and mothers through organizing a number of specialized trainings for farmers' wives in order for them to acquire knowledge and skills that enable them to apply proper nutrition practices especially those that help

proper child growth and development. The program sought the assistance of specialists from the Department of Agricultural Guidance in the Agricultural Directorates of Beni-Suef and Fayoum Governorates in implementing some of these trainings.



## Success Story

I am Hala Fathy from Tewah Village, Biba District, Beni-Suef Governorate. I am married and have two children. I help my husband in farming chores, but unfortunately, I did not have any work or business of my own. One day, I heard about the agricultural project being implemented in the village and I heard that it encouraged women to work. Because I wanted to have a business of my own and a role in my family, I applied to the organization to start a small business in raising ducks. There they applied a feasibility study tool and identified my basic needs and abilities to implement this business. Before starting the business, I attended a training on duck raising to ensure the optimum benefit and profit and continuity of the business. After the training, I received 18 Mulard ducks. The project supported me with a 40% contribution of the business value. I raised the ducks and cared for them for three months. Then I sold them and the returns were profitable and satisfying to me. After the first round, I recycled the revenue to buy other ducks, chicken, and fodder to expand the business and continue it. This had a great impact on the increase of my family's income and in helping my husband meet the needs of our family. The thing that made me happy the most is that I learned to run a business myself and make it succeed and now I have a feeling of my worth and I can be of value to myself and my family.





## The Housing Program

The housing program aims at improving and developing the housing situation for families to become safe at the environmental and health levels.

### Quantitative Achievements

645

Low-income families have been provided with a healthy and environmentally suitable house

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- The geographical expansion of the program in two new communities (Abyouha and Menbal) in Minia Governorate
- The program's response to the beneficiaries demands of increasing the value of the loan from EGP 7000 to EGP 13000 to cover the implemented work according to quality standards
- Continuing to provide technical support to empower them to manage the program effectively in the targeted local communities

### Success Story

I am Mariam Fayek from Amoudein Village in Minia Governorate. I live with my family consisting of my husband and four sons and daughters as well as my in-laws in a small house of 80 square meters. It is not fit for humans to live in because not only is it too small for such a huge number of people, but it is also unfinished and needs to be whitewashed and painted and have doors installed besides other things as well. Because of the poor state of the house, we suffered from many problems, the most important of which is that we had no privacy. This is not to mention the spread of insects and rodents. My children could neither sleep nor study. Our dream was to improve our house and live in a safe place, but means were very tight. My husband is a cab driver and our income is very low and we cannot afford the cost of the required work on the house.

One day a neighbor advised me to benefit from the housing project in the village to solve our problem. Indeed, we applied for a housing loan and our application was studied and approved. We received a loan of EGP 12000 and used it to have the house whitewashed and painted and had doors installed beside other things too.

Thank God the house improved for the better and is now clean and healthy and this has solved many of the problems we had been suffering of in our lives.

## The Equality and Gender Balance Program

The program aims at building a just community characterized by equality in social and economic rights and in public work to achieve equality and gender balance and emphasizing the empowerment of women and girls in all life aspects as well as their participation in decision making processes.

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- 1- Starting the implementation of the project for the private sector to activate women's economic rights in the Middle East and North Africa region. The project aims at elevating women's economic rights through training and dialogue among the civil society, the government sector, and policy makers. This is besides increasing the awareness of the private sector of the importance of women's economic inclusion and equality in order to take practical steps towards improving women's economic participation. During this period the following was achieved:
  - Forming a committee of 15 members at the national level. The committee includes representatives of big companies, private sector banks, ministries, government organizations, and civil society organizations with the aim of having as a major role supporting a greater number of companies and organizations in activating women's economic rights

### Quantitative Achievements

# 15

Representatives of ministries, the private sector, and civil society participated in a meeting on gender balance and ending violence against women

# 39

Members of CBOs, community committees, and support groups have received capacity building on gender balance





## Institutional Support Program

Aimed at Building Community Resilience

The program aims at enhancing readiness for community resilience at the level of individuals, institutions, and local communities to acquire the ability to develop mechanisms that enable them to face current and expected changes and threats in order to be able to combat poverty and achieve development.



### Quantitative Achievements

- Forming 49 crises management committees that adopt designing and implementing local initiatives for facing crises and building community resilience
- Signing 60 contracts with NGOs and different community organizations to implement community initiatives built on community resilience
- Capacity building for 1052 members of NGOs, different community organizations, mentors in the development incubators and volunteering cadres (47% females)
- The launch of branches of the development incubators in six governorates, namely Minia, Beni-Suef, Sohag, Cairo, Giza, and Qalyoubia. These have provided technical support for 32 grassroot organizations in building community resilience and the institutional structure of the organizations.
- As a means of enhancing the principles of good governance and gender integration in 32 NGOs in six governorates in both Lower and Upper Egypt, a gender focal point was formed of representatives from 32 NGOs and they received capacity building in gender. This group works on supporting NGOs and the various forms of community organizations to set plans to reinforce gender integration at the institution and program levels of each NGO.



## Participating in Presidential and National Initiatives

### The "Noor Hayat" Initiative

Work continues in the presidential initiative "Noor Hayat" in coordination and cooperation with "Tahya Misr" Fund. This initiative aims at fighting causes of vision weakness and loss for senior citizens and primary school pupils as well as reducing avoidable blindness.

### Quantitative Achievements

- Implementing five medical convoys for senior citizens in Qalyoubia and Minia Governorates in which the following was implemented:
  - Examining 3277 cases
  - Conducting 314 cataract and lens transplant surgeries through referring the patients to the military hospital in Shebeen al-Koum in Menofiya and the military hospital in Beni-Suef
  - Correcting vision for a number of 1557 cases by providing them with medical eye-glasses
  - Providing drug therapy for 295 cases



### Success Story

Hassan Yasser al-'Ashry is an eight year old child from Qalyoubia Governorate. He suffered from very weak vision. While being examined during one of the Noor Hayat initiative convoys, it was discovered that he had cataract in his left eye. The doctor recommended he be operated on as quickly as possible, but his family refused to have the surgery conducted out of fear for him. This caused his condition to deteriorate and his vision became weaker as time went by. This affected Hassan's ability to carry on his everyday activities naturally whether at home or at school. Therefore, the family was made aware of the importance of having the surgery in fear of continuous deterioration in the future. The family was finally convinced of taking Hassan to the doctor once more. Indeed, these efforts succeeded in convincing them. Hassan was examined and the doctors confirmed the same diagnosis and the importance of having the operation and the operation was conducted.

Thank God Hassan can now see very well and has become able to lead his normal everyday life at home and school and all the family is very happy for the improvement of their son's vision and being protected from avoidable blindness.

## The "Citizenship" Initiative

Work continues in the citizenship initiative that aims at enhancing the values and practices of citizenship and the respect of religious and cultural variation in seven communities in Minia Governorate. This is achieved through establishing a social, cultural, and developmental atmosphere that supports social peace and sustainable development by means of implementing a package of developmental, cultural, and economic interventions through applying an integrated developmental model that is implemented by both the local development unit and the dialogue unit of CEOSS with funding by the Ministry of Social Solidarity

### Quantitative Achievements

- ▶ **109** Citizens have benefitted from health and preventive services
- ▶ **422** Citizens have benefitted from eye health services
- ▶ **226** Illiterate citizens have been admitted to literacy classes
- ▶ **135** Women have received vocational training
- ▶ **245** Citizens have received awareness raising in correct concepts of disability
- ▶ **14** Community cadres have been empowered to support persons with disabilities



### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Seven community committees continue to work in the local communities. These committees are formed of representatives of government institution officials, natural and religious leaders, both Muslim and Christian, who are influential in planning and implementing initiatives and developmental, cultural, and economic interventions.
- During this period, developmental interventions have leaned towards improving the livelihoods of the poorest families in the target communities by focusing on families included in the social protection program of "Takaful and Karama" (Solidarity and Dignity) and integrating them in the various developmental fields including educating the illiterate, implementing health interventions, eye interventions, services for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and directing families to referral programs.

### Success Story

I am Amira Nasser Massoud from Beni-Mahdi community in Minia. I joined a literacy class with a group of other women to learn how to read and write. To be honest, our teacher is very clever and there is nothing she would not do to help us learn. After we finished our literacy classes, we would learn different handicrafts until we excelled in it and now, we are thinking of taking a loan together from CEOSS and starting a small business together to sell handicraft products and this is our next dream.

But the thing that is making me happy the most and would like to share with you is that we, as women, when we participated in these activities together, we were able to gather together, both Christians and Muslims, and share everything in our life together. We also sit, talk, and think together of how to strengthen each other and how to work together to improve our conditions. This made our relationships stronger. I went to tell you that we are very happy with our participation in this initiative and we want to thank CEOSS and everybody who is helping us to realize our dreams.

## Agricultural Hub Unit



The Agricultural Hub aims at providing economic services based on competition, quality, and investment of private sector resources for the benefit of the farmers through working on value chains and supporting the competitive capacity of the agricultural products in both local and international markets.



## Qualitative Achievements

**Post-harvest service station (sorting, packaging, cooling, and drying) for preparing agricultural products**

Preparing 520 tons of various crops (onions, garlic, grapes, strawberries)

Providing job opportunities for a number of 150 young men and women

## Quantitative Achievements

- Partnership with a number of companies (al-Asdiqaa', al-Araby, Pure Food) for a total amount of 276 tons of the grape crop
- Partnership with Ma'en Company for a total amount of 84 tons of dry garlic

#### Second: Preparing crops for Supplies

- Sorting and packaging 100 tons of the onion crop for the Motahida Company
- Sorting and packaging 60 tons of the strawberry crop for the Egyptian Company for Investment

## Qualitative Achievements

**Agricultural Machinery and Equipment**

265 farmers benefit from this program on an area of land of 530 feddans cultivated with the use of agricultural machinery

Awareness raising for 100 farmers through their participation in seminars and meetings on the importance of the use of agricultural machinery

## Quantitative Achievements

Entering contractual partnerships with entities providing agricultural machinery services such as the Land Improvement Authority

Plowing 130 feddans with multi-purpose plows in the cultivation of various crops

Smoothing and preparing the soil by the use of a hoe on 135 feddans for cultivating several crops

- Cultivating 90 feddans of maize with the use of a planter
- Cultivating 100 feddans of wheat, soy beans, and wormwood chamomile with the use of a seeder

## Success Story

### Job opportunity to increase income

A 32-year-old woman, mother to 3 children and whose husband, the sole bread winner of the family, had lately deceased, insisted on having her skills raised and to do work suitable for her circumstances as a rural woman. CEOSS trained her in agricultural jobs in protected houses whether cultivating and collecting crops or maintaining irrigation networks. She excelled in the training and became qualified to work in the greenhouses. She was able to achieve a steady income by which she could raise her children. She was always resorted to during the cultivation and the collection of the crop and when there were any problems with the irrigation network.







### Qualitative Achievements

#### Marketing and Production Requisites Center

1300 farmers benefit from the high quality and highly productive seeds in the cultivation of corn, okra, and basil

30 farmers benefit from fertilizers from safe sources

Awareness raising for 36 farmers concerning highly productive types through implementing guiding fields for different types of potatoes and maize

Marketing 55 feddans of basil, okra, and marjoram for private sector companies

### Quantitative Achievements

1300 farmers benefit from partnership with High Tec Company and Pioneer Company, two of the major companies in Egypt, who are safe sources for providing highly productive seeds for maize crops

30 farmers benefit from partnership with companies producing fertilizers for supplying highly productive fertilizers

Implementing 36 guiding fields for maize and potato seasons to obtain highly productive types (208 with the aim of implementing agricultural models for highly productive types leading to the increase in farmers' income)

#### Agricultural Land Component

Implementing a number of interventions that result in an increase in feddan productivity as follows:

- Cultivating bell peppers in greenhouses on 2 feddans
- Cultivating different types of non-traditional crops such as hummus, soy beans, and baladi beans as models for small farmers of crops they are not used to cultivating such as wheat, clover, and maize

Increasing girls' productivity by training them in all types of agricultural processes inside the greenhouses from cultivating to collecting crops as well as training them in maintenance of the irrigation network

- Coordination and partnership with the Faculty of Agriculture of Minia University in the periodical analyses of water and soil samples

### Quantitative Achievements



## Microfinance Unit



Contributing directly to combating unemployment as well as empowering target communities socially and economically by giving them ownership of means of production and other tools and materials necessary for the continuity of their businesses and improving their economic and social conditions

## Major Qualitative Achievements

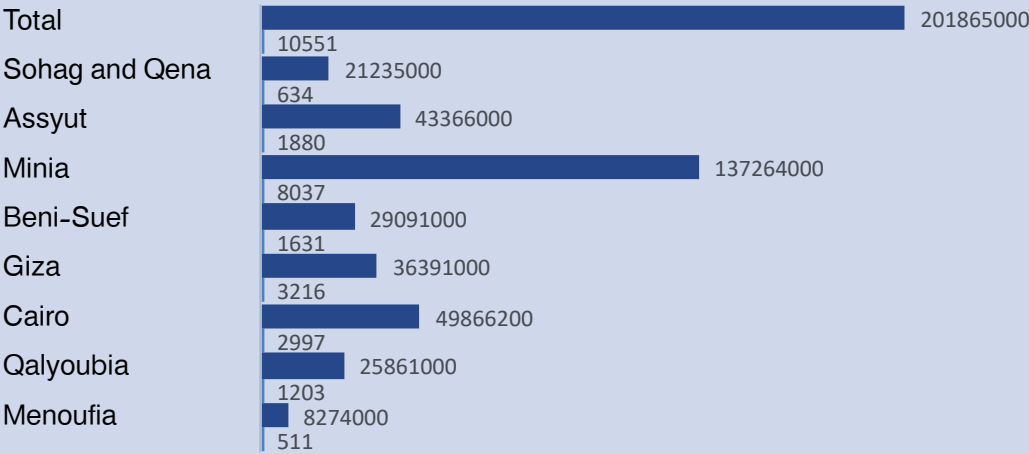
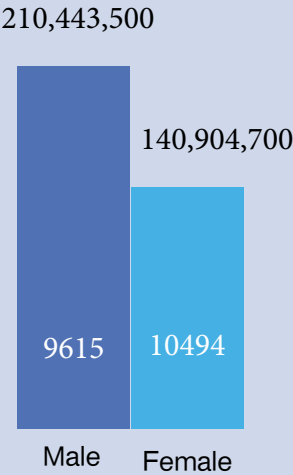
- Opening new branches in West Beni-Ahmed, Deir Moas, and Minia 2 in Minia Governorate as well as the Manfalout branch in Assyut Governorate
- Expanding the electronic collection of instalments through entering into contracts with Fawry and Bee Companies.
- Encouraging clients to use electronic transfer of their loans to finance their businesses and to use the Miza Card and others
- "Amal" has represented the Micro-finance sector in the membership of the board of trustees of the Microfinance Activity Monitoring Unit of the Financial Regulatory Authority
- CEOSS is a member of the Sanabel network for micro-finance in the Arab region
- Developing the branches by organizing their internal and external banners and unifying the furniture and internal design to suit the reception of clients and organizing work inside the branches
- A Facebook page has been activated under the name of "Amal" for micro-financing. The page aims at disseminating and increasing clients' awareness of methods of managing their businesses and developing them. The number of followers of the page has reached 772, the views have reached 88700 views with a total of 41110 interactions. 396 application forms to obtain loans have been uploaded.
- Participation with the Fund for Financing Egyptian Women to encourage women to take up marketing and electronic payment
- In accordance with the developments in digital marketing, co-operation has been established with Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (j-pal) of the AUC to encourage clients to have commercial pages on Facebook and to train them in advertising their products on Facebook and developing their businesses through digital marketing



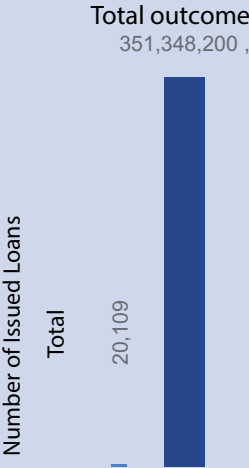


Quantitative Achievements

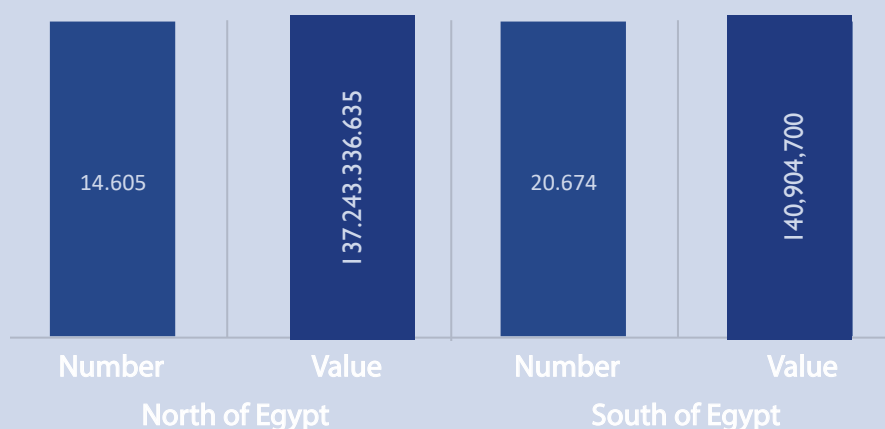
Client Number



Number of Loans



## Number of Active Clients



### Significant Partnerships

- 1- The Financial Regulatory Authority
- 2- Egypt Post
- 3- National Bank of Egypt NBE
- 4- Mohandes Insurance Company
- 5- Bee Company
- 6- Fawry Company
- 7- The Fund for Financing Arab Women
- 8- Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (j-pal)



### Success Story

My name is Reda Fawzy. I am from Damaris District. Before I got to know CEOSS, I didn't have any stable job from which to get income that I can depend on to meet the needs of my family. I used to work for one of the traders in honey and my pay was very weak and couldn't be depended on, taking into consideration that a governmental job does not suffice at all to provide for a family. So, I decided to start my own business trading in honey because of my experience in this business. In 2014, I obtained my first loan of EGP 3000 from CEOSS to finance my business trading in honey. From then until now I have obtained seven loans of different sums. I now have a loan of EGP 7000. All this has helped increase my income and I now depend on it largely.

## Dialogue Unit



The Dialogue Unit continues to perform its active role towards reinforcing values of citizenship, dialogue, peacebuilding, and co-existence in order to generate a positive impact in building societal cohesion and a democratic society that respects pluralism and builds bridges of trust and communication among its different groups at local, regional, and international levels. This is in accordance with the unit's strategic plan for the five years from 2020 to 2025.

In light of the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on social, cultural, and economic aspects, the Forum has developed its work methods in keeping with its identity as a safe space for dialogue and it continued its role in achieving societal cohesion in keeping with its mission and with the role of CEOSS in maximizing the effort exerted in confronting the repercussions of this crisis. This is achieved through cultural and social initiatives and interventions that has contributed to mitigating the impact of the pandemic on harmed groups.





The program aims at building and qualifying leadership cadres among youth in the realm of dialogue (this includes religious leaders, female preachers and church servants, academics, media professionals, civil society representatives and students at religious institutions) thus qualifying them to become agents of change who generate positive change in the communities.

Major Qualitative Achievements

- Developing the academic advising program (one of the university programs that depends on communication between professors and students and aims at improving student performance). Academics participating in the project were able to integrate topics pertaining to citizenship in this program and encourage students to adopt graduation projects that reinforce citizenship values in its broader sense rather than limiting it to being a matter of Muslims and Christians.
- Academics begin to integrate the issues they have discussed in their academic thesis (for example, Dr. Youssra Akoushi's doctoral thesis is on hate speech).
- A group of religious leaders have taken interest in using a new method in their religious discourse, one that emphasizes building tolerance and confronting hate. They achieve this through sermons in their religious institutions, in their writings, or in videos they upload to different social media to contribute to disseminating these values.
- The "Ambassadors of Peace and Development" project provided a chance for experience exchange and capacity building for 30 young Egyptian and American men and women students and fresh graduates of religious studies as well as religious community leaders from various religions and denominations in Egypt and their counterparts in the United States besides participation with American leaders and activists working on enhancing peace building, tolerance, and diversity in local and international communities.

Quantitative Achievements



## The Advocacy Program

The program aims at advocating for confronting hate speech in social upbringing institutions and working towards setting this issue in the center of attention of public opinion and the media as well as adopting new ideas and directions and influencing decision makers to take positive steps towards dealing with these issues.

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Discussing the confrontation of hate speech with groups of parliamentarians and decision makers to effect greater influence through issuing recommendations or having this issue discussed in parliamentary committees
- Some opinion maker's adoption of confronting hate speech through their writing or television programs they are invited to speak on, thus contributing to raising the level of societal awareness of this issue

### Quantitative Achievements

No. of Meetings

No. of Participants

Opinion makers in the advocacy component

5

330





## Integrated Development Model Program

The program aims at applying integrated development models through partnerships with local organizations and implementing initiatives that include cultural and social inputs for awareness raising, capacity building and empowerment thus contributing to promoting the role of dialogue, culture, peace and diversity in marginalized communities.

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- An increase in the community committees' capacities and the subsequent social and cultural impact in their communities, namely an improvement in their ability to select beneficiaries and identify suitable interventions as well as their ability to coordinate with government entities. Following are examples of institutions with which the program coordinated activities during the reporting period:
  - A number of government and community schools
  - Culture palaces and public libraries
  - Youth centers
- An improvement in the social and economic living conditions and an increase in awareness of families targeted by the model. In Saft al-Laban Village women benefitted from the handicrafts events and started small businesses and started to implement joint businesses.

### Quantitative Achievements

There is ongoing work in four integrated models in Minia, Assyut, Cairo, and Alexandria Governorates. The beneficiaries are 100 families per community with a total of 5000 beneficiaries including children, youth, and women



### Success Story

Sheikh Mohamed Said Youssef, an Azharite preacher in Beni-Suef and an activist in community work was concerned with children and adolescents. He was interested in organizing seminars at preparatory and secondary schools especially for girls because he believes that girls are future mothers who influence all the family in all their roles. He also feels that girls in the Beni-Suef community are marginalized and are subject to abuse. This is evident in the needs assessment workshop in which family violence appeared as the most common problem in the Beni-Suef community. However, Sheikh Mohamed lacked the suitable material and intellectual orientation to speak about the importance of women's familial and community roles. At the end of the workshop on gender, and after discussing equality issues, gender equality, women's empowerment, and gender-based violence, Sheikh Mohamed said that the workshop had affected him and enriched his mission and that every word and discussion was so important to him and that the workshop had enlightened and crystalized his mission. He said he was intent on delivering the message at preparatory and secondary girls' schools to encourage them and make them aware of their role and its importance as well as their rights as stated by the law and religion. Indeed, he organized many seminars in many schools to deliver these thoughts in the utmost enthusiasm.

## Initiatives in Partnership with the Egyptian Government

In order to continue the partnership with the Ministry of Social Solidarity within the framework of reinforcing citizenship values and practices in 8 villages in Minia Governorate with the aim of reinforcing citizenship values and practices and respecting cultural diversity through creating a social, cultural, and developmental atmosphere that supports social peace and sustainable development.

### Major Qualitative Achievements

- Several partnerships have been established with youth and sports centers in organizing sports events for youth to disseminate the idea of accepting the other, cooperation, and renouncing fanaticism in more than one village.
- Increasing the use of field visits to religious and historical sites thus breaking the stereotypical image of the "other" and reinforcing the values of accepting differences and diversity
- An increase in community leaders' awareness of the importance of balanced representation according to gender and geographical and religious affiliations. Whereas providing development services to family members was the norm, there is now increased care to integrate all spectrums of village people especially after discovering the great effect this had on target groups and all the village families.

### Quantitative Achievements







**First: confronting the covid-19 pandemic**

In order to continue its role in reducing the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic, the Dialogue Unit implemented a number of interventions in a number of villages and poor areas.



**Second: A Conference under the Title of "Civil Society and Awareness Building; Challenges of the Present Moment"**

The Forum for Intercultural Dialogue FID organized a conference under this title. The conference focused on the role of civil society and how it derives its strength from the power of the state. In its recommendations, the conference emphasized that we need an active civil society that believes in governance and transparency, democracy and collective action, a society that realizes the value of time alongside its belief in moderation in order to create a generation capable of leading and inducing change. In its three sessions, the conference addressed important issues as follows:

- Citizenship and the unity of the society: the Nahda Dam as an example
- Art and its role in building awareness
- Media and formulating awareness

Success Story

Mervat Kamel Fahmy, an engineer and church servant in Minia

Mervat is the vice executive director of the Evangelical Organization for Ongoing Development in Minia. She supervises the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Minia. She expressed how she was affected by her participation in the dialogue activities saying:

The effects of the dialogue are not restricted to me alone, but have expanded to include my family, church service, and work as well. The dialogue has changed a lot of my concepts and attitudes towards human beings who have a right to live in all dignity and exercise all their rights and perform all their duties. There is no difference between one person and another. We are all one. We all live in our country. For tens of years, I have been serving in different church services in the Evangelical church in Minia, but for the first time I get the chance to work with others closely to serve the community, whether these others are Muslim preachers or nuns and church servants from other Christian denominations. One sentence, in particular, struck me, "Do not give a sermon, let your life be the sermon". This is what we have experienced during the project period. Our image together was a wonderful "sermon" when we participated in different initiatives.

# Dar el-Thaqafa Unit



Dar el-Thaqafa aims at spreading enlightened cultural and religious awareness that covers various fields and trends and creates a positive impact in the society. This is achieved through enriching the Arabic library with various writings that include reference books, studies, interpretations, and books on theology, society, family, children, young people, development and all the sciences.



### First: Publications

10 new books have been published and 10 editions of previously published books have been published. The new books are:

- 1- **The Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament, Volume Three** by John Walton, Victor Mathews, and Mark Chavalas
- 2- **From Theology of Transparency to Theology of Co-existence** by Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki
- 3- **Imperatives of the Christian Faith: A Comparative Study between Athanasius and Tertullian** by Rev. Rafik Ibrahim
- 4- **A Story of a Book: Academic Struggle and the Role of God's Care** by Rev. Dr. Abdel-Meseeh Istafanos
- 5- **The Mindset of Christ** by Rev. Hamdy Saad
- 6- **Stomping out Depression** by Neil Anderson and Dave Park
- 7- **Evangelical Reform in Worship** by Rev. Sohail Seoud
- 8- **Our Father who Art in Heaven** by Rev. Youssef Samir
- 9- **Why I am not an Atheist** by David J. Randall
- 10- **Christian Theological Thought in the Writings of Paul** by Rev. Dr. Fahim Aziz

### Second: The Printhouse

Total Value of Contracts

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Number of Printed Copies

1277480

Number of Contracts

103

## Media and Art Production Unit



The unit aims at reinforcing the organization's presence in the media by disseminating its thoughts, approaches, activities, and events, thus achieving CEOSS' aim in creating an environment that is supportive of development approaches, values of co-existence and accepting others, pluralism, and advocating for the causes of the poor and marginalized.

## The Media

In 2021, the media unit has achieved a greater presence and effectiveness in the different forms of media by covering the activities and events of both CEOSS and the Presidency of the Evangelical Community.

- More than 600 news items have been published in all newspapers, websites, and news agencies (al-Ahram, al-Akhbar, al-Gomhouriya, al-Masry al-Youm, al-Watan, Youm7, Bawabah News, Veto, the Middle East News Agency MENA, Dostour, Shorouk, Wafd, Cairo 24, ☐)
- More than 25 television reports and a number of media coverings have been broadcast on various television channels whether news bulletins or morning and night shows on all Egyptian television channels: Sada el-Balad, MBC, DMC, TEN, EXTRA NEWS.
- This is besides a coverage of all official occasions of the Evangelical community including celebrations and official occasions



## Social Media

### 108 posts have been shared to CEOSS' page

- The most prominent post was a cartoon called Khalee Balak (take care) about child harassment. This post received 274,410 likes and 19,664 interactions
- 172 posts have been shared to the Evangelical community's page
- The most prominent of these posts was the Christmas message which received 280,286 likes and 25,441 interactions
- The loans page has been activated and eight posts have been shared to the page
- The most prominent of these posts received 15,877 likes and 2865 interactions
- 1000 messages have been received + 300 comments



لو عندك طفل أو طفلة وعازي توعيه بموضو...

Girgis Sobhy, Remon Refat and 1.7K others

114.2K Views · 24 weeks ago

### Numbers of Followers

Followers of CEOSS' pages have reached 308,000 followers

Followers of the Evangelical community page have reached 265,000 followers



## Audios and Videos

**37 meetings** have been photographed

**26 meetings** have been videorecorded

**5 movies** on CEOSS' work units have been designed and 18 other films have been edited



## Curricula

**2 children's story coloring books:** one on prevention from the coronavirus and the other on citizenship have been produced

**6 awareness posters** on the coronavirus have been produced

**A cartoon movie** for children on prevention from the coronavirus

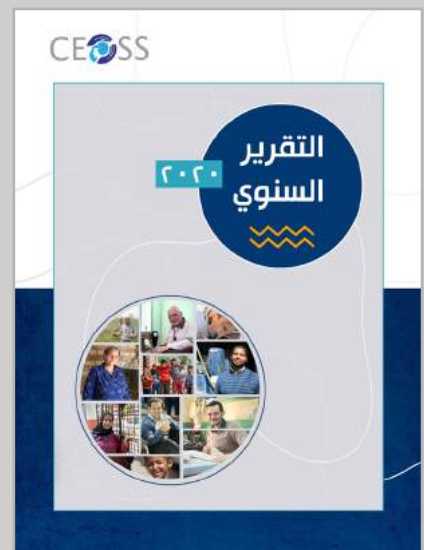
**5 awareness messages** for the social media

**Educational cards** used by leaders in raising awareness of citizenship and co-existence

**Two issues of al-Nesoor Magazine**

**5 issues of Resalet al-Nour Magazine**

**CEOSS' annual report** in both Arabic and English

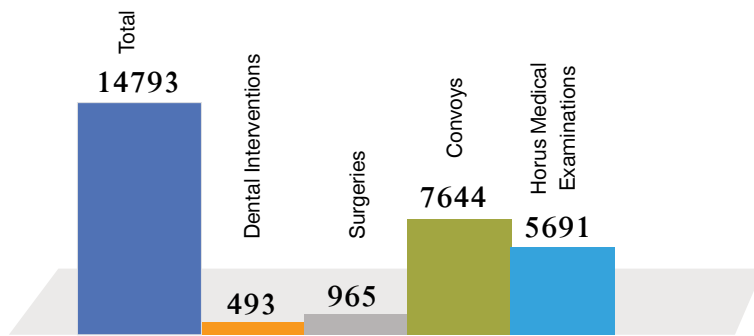


# Medical Centers Unit



Horus Hospital seeks to provide high quality health services that includes medical examinations and radiology at suitable prices for all categories while being committed to the safety and security standards at the hands of a highly qualified medical team.

## Achievements



The number of partners has increased to 42 different types of institutions (NGOs, healthcare companies, syndicates, religious institutions, doctors, and society members) with the aim of diversifying opportunities for reaching the poor and most vulnerable.



## Success Story

Eid Abdel-Sayed is a young 20-year-old man from Tahnasha Village. He suffers from severe myopia of -15 and -18. Unfortunately, he cannot have a Lasik surgery for correcting his vision in order to lead a normal life. His doctor recommended a special type of lenses called ICL to be implanted to treat his myopia and correct his stigmatism. These types of lenses are manufactured in Switzerland by order according to the required measurements. The lenses were ordered from the company and they were brought to the company's headquarters in Lebanon and from there to Egypt. The surgery was conducted on him and it was clear to everybody how his self-confidence increased.



# Itsa Wood Unit



Itsa Wood is one of CEOSS' resource development projects. It contributes to maintaining CEOSS' role in creating economic growth in Egypt by encouraging local industries, creating real job opportunities for young people, and developing products to reach a customer segment that is present all over the country.

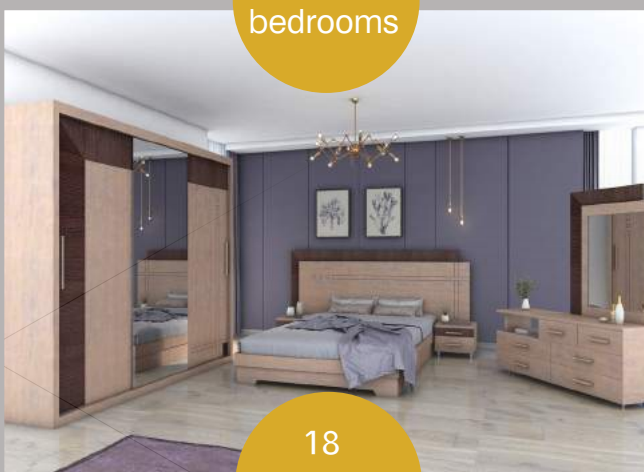
Despite the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the economic situation and purchasing power, Itsa Wood has, nevertheless, achieved various sales in the past six months. These sales have reached **168** manufactured articles as follows:

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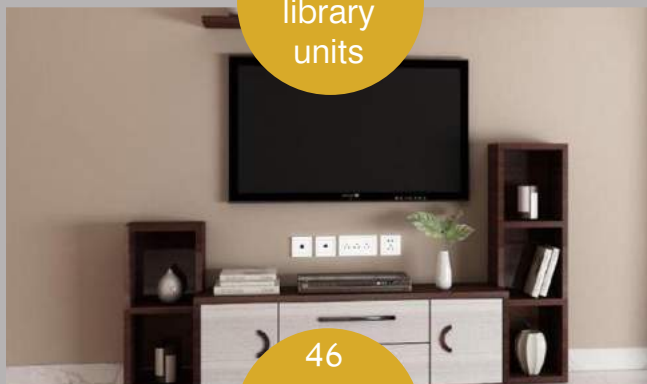
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library  
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kitchens



# Training Centers Unit



This unit aims at collaborating with civil society organizations and religious institutions and cooperating with them in capacity building programs.

The training headquarters unit consists of:

- 1- Itsa Center
- 2- Dhahabia
- 3- Nozha





### 1- Itsa Center

Lately, Itsa Center has come to comprise hotel rooms that can accommodate up to 220 individuals besides four halls of different areas and capacity. One is a VIP hall that can accommodate 450 persons and is equipped for all kinds of meetings and events. Itsa Center also has courts, a camp, a swimming pool, and cafeteria, and a restaurant.

### 2- Dhabia

Lately, the Dhabia has been renovated to include a number of hotel rooms and a deck for different events, a training hall, a restaurant, and a cafeteria

## Major Quantitative Achievements

- 60 various events ranging from resident conferences, daily meetings, and weddings have been hosted for around 5000 individuals
- Hosting about 30 trips
- Reception and hospitality of about 50000 individuals who frequent the Dhabia

# Agricultural Projects Unit



The Agricultural Projects Unit aims at maximizing CEOSS' economic revenue through providing economic services based on competition and quality.

## Unit Components

The Agricultural Projects Unit has two components

- 1- Ismailia Farm
- 2- Itsa nursery



## First: Ismailia Farm

- A contract has been signed to supply 10000 shoots of barhi palm trees for the 2021 and 2022 seasons
- Marketing 450 shoots of barhi palm trees
- Production of buckthorn grafted from 2000 buckthorn trees.
- Introducing biological control systems to control some insect pests (fruit flies) to produce high quality fruits
- Opening new markets and entering Obour Market to sell the products at a high price
- The use of balanced fertilization to accelerate the growth of palm shoots

## Second: Itsa Nursery

- More than 75 sales have been finalized in the period covering January to June 2021 in the form of supplies for private farms, or major institutions and factories
- Implementing landscapes for cement companies in Beni-Khaled and Sheikh Fadl districts as an alternative of new cities as well as implementing farming work for the roads that have been affected lately
- Expanding outside the geographical area of Minia and searching for new opportunities such as New Assyut and New Minia and realizing achievements there with individuals and private institutions





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